

Pay attention to the details. If seeing is believing, then I believe in the power of this simple, five-worded sentence, because I have seen what it can really do.

It was my dance trainer who kept emphasizing on the need for us dancers to pay attention to the details whenever we were learning or doing a dance routine.

Well, you see, dance moves could seem so simple, but to be able to do even just one movement well, paying attention to the details is imperative. I mean, even right up to the angles of the arms and legs, the flexing or pointing of a foot, or the extending of the fingers could seem trivial, but in fact, from an outsider's point of view, the movement could have a whole lot of difference just by lacking or changing a certain detail. When I truly started to apply this concept in dance, I found myself steps closer to being a better dancer. I was complimented my dance trainer, and that was when I finally figured that paying attention to the details was actually something that should never be overlooked.

Even in speech, paying attention to the details pays. I remember myself asking my fellow dance batch mates how they wanted to standardize the roll for the floor work. Without thinking, they just replied that they didn't know. I pestered them a few more times as my question wasn't answered and one of them was getting irritated and said, "I said already I don't know! Go ask the seniors!" Well, I can only say they weren't paying attention to the details when I asked them the question. I was asking them how *they* wanted to standardize the movement, not how the *seniors* wanted us to do so. That particular segment was being danced only by four of us and I felt that we had the power to decide how we were going to standardize the part, and that was not going to involve the seniors at all. Reflecting back on this event, I wonder: what if I went to a big social event in the future and I didn't answer someone's question properly or directly? Wouldn't I just be making a fool of myself?

Even when I read, find that through paying attention to the details would be of great help when analyzing a character, understanding the author or situation or trying to comprehend a poem. There is actually much to glean from a text, unless the details have been thrown out the window. That way, I could miss out on so much when everything is right under my nose! Another

more obvious example would be that during the exam, I often made careless mistakes and lost many marks due to the fact that I simply did not pay attention to the details in the question!

In daily life, both you and me could determine what people are like just by paying attention to the details, through their speech, mannerisms, body language, and even their dressing!

Although yes, this quote came from my dance trainer, it has paved so many ways for me in my activities. It certainly has changed my perspective drastically as I now look further and inspect things more closely before I leap and make my decision, and it has proved useful in situations. Paying attention to the details, so simple, yet so powerful. This, I believe.

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